



# Alpha Epsilon Pi

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Dr. Kathy Adams Riester  
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Dear Dr. Riester,

I want to follow up on our call this week and ensure that we are clear in our requests of IU and our intent going forward. Alpha Epsilon Pi is committed to appropriately addressing any violation of law, policy, or best practice. We have been good partners with IU for years but this relationship is eroding quickly given the current circumstances. The ongoing interim action has and continues to cause financial and reputational harm to our members, our chapter, our national organization, and our foundation. It is an infringement of freedom of association; a first amendment right. Accordingly, I am requesting that IU take immediate action.

First, I am requesting that IU and its police department increase the transparency of the investigation into our chapter. IUPD falls under the management of IU administration and it is our understanding that they have the ability to bring in Indiana state police when necessary to assist in investigations. We have repeatedly been told that IUPD is overwhelmed but have heard nothing of additional law enforcement agencies being brought in to relieve this pressure. IUPD has not, to our knowledge, made an assessment as to the credibility of the allegation despite clear inconsistencies. IUPD has also failed to adhere to several of the standards of investigation outlined in the IACLEA accreditation manual. I stress that failure to inform our organization of the basic premise of the investigation or to request specific information has both prevented us from assisting and prevented us from enforcing our policies. For example, If there are specific allegations against specific members, those members are required to recuse themselves from all AEPi activity under their member agreements until the investigation and adjudication of the issue has concluded. We would like to notify them of said obligation promptly. Additionally, we would request that IU take appropriate steps with those students to prevent their ability to cause harm. To the extent they are required, we can provide copies of our contracts with our students which contain FIRPA waivers.

Second, to date AEPi has accepted IU's demand for cessation of all operations of our chapter. We believe in voluntarily allowing universities to take this action for a short time while facts can be gathered and risk assessments can be made. Based on our relationship with IU we extended this "short time" for over 45 days. Without any progress or information, it is safe to surmise that this action is now overly broad in nature and overly lengthy. It has also not been limited to action allowed by IU as described in IU's policy, which states "*Cease and Desist (C&D): A Cease and Desist is*



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*an interim directive that may be utilized when there is an immediate threat of harm to individuals based on credibly reported behaviors, information learned during an investigation, and may be issued at any time prior to a final resolution of the case."*

We assert that there is no reason to believe that there is an immediate threat of harm to anyone. Accordingly, I am formally demanding that the cease and desist be lifted. I will be happy to collaborate with the university to determine what, if any, reasonable limitations should remain in place which do not violate the rights of our organization or our students.

Third, I am requesting an alternative resolution process in lieu of a formal investigation or hearing. Per our call, the student and organizational conduct staff is also overwhelmed. Without the demand to establish guilt or innocence as an organization via a lengthy investigation, we can work together more efficiently and effectively to improve our chapter and our community. We assure you that Alpha Epsilon Pi wishes to remain a leading Greek organization at IU and is willing to use our status as the largest men's fraternity to help achieve common goals of AEPi and the institution. We have discussed some of our ideas for dramatic systemwide cultural change and AEPi's ability to lead the Greek community at IU in this effort with our undergraduate leaders. I believe that a discussion with them and engagement in alternative resolution would yield incredibly positive outcomes for IU.

I want to make it clear that, short of receiving evidence of violations of our health and safety policies perpetrated on a chapter wide level, Alpha Epsilon Pi intends to operate in the spring semester. We will not accept unreasonable and/or unlawful interference from IU, including continuation of cease-and-desist orders. The chapter will program, take a new member class, and sign leases for occupancy in our facility during the 2026-2027 school year. We respectfully and formally request Indiana University's permission to operate but note that we are not required to receive or maintain its permission to do so. We hope that we may move forward together in continued positive partnership.

Sincerely,

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CEO

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